

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/052,585	NEWMAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	TRISHA VU	2111	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed 04/01/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: ____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>03/21/2002,11/04/2004</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>20090424</u> . 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |
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/Glenn A. Auve/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2111

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT and REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Shun Yao (Reg. No. 59,242) on 04/24/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 1, line 3: delete "protocols;" and insert in its place -- protocols comprising: file system domain protocols and printer domain protocols; --

In claim 11, line 5: delete "protocols;" and insert in its place -- protocols comprising: file system domain protocols and printer domain protocols, --

In claim 20, line 6: delete "protocols;" and insert in its place -- protocols comprising: file system domain protocols and printer domain protocols, --

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2. Claims 1-28 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art made of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art fails to teach, in combination with the remaining elements: the devices communicate with incompatible system domain protocols and printer domain protocols, wherein the universal contextual interface does not have a priori knowledge of the devices' file system domain protocol or the devices' printer domain protocol, wherein the devices' file system domain protocol comprises Network File System (NSF) or Common Internet File System (CIFS), wherein the devices' printer domain protocol comprises Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) or Line Printer Daemon.

The Examiner interpreted the claims in light of the Specification and further in view of Applicant's persuasive argument that the amended features of "the universal contextual interface does not have a priori knowledge of the devices' file system domain protocol or the devices' printer domain protocol, wherein the devices' file system domain protocol comprises Network File System (NSF) or Common Internet File System (CIFS), where the devices' printer domain protocol comprises Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) or Line Printer Daemon" are not taught in Hanson (page 12 of the Remarks).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure, as the art discloses establishing communications between devices with different protocols, as cited herein.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRISHA VU whose telephone number is (571)272-3643. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and alternate Fri 8:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on 571-272-3632. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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